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SUBJECT: NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 25

REF: A. USNATO 6500; B. USNATO 6485; C. USNATO 6519

HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. WE CAN AGREE TO HOLD AN NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING
EITHER IN MORNING OF DECEMBER 10 OR AFTERNOON OF
DECEMBER 11.

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2. IN REGARD TO NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA (REF A), MISSION

SHOULD INFORM STAFF GROUP THAT SECDEF IS WILLING TO GIVE CUSTOMARY NPG BRIEFING ON STRATEGIC BALANCE. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT BREVITY OF MEETING LIMITS TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING (SEP), WE DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR UNWILLING TO DISCUSS SEP IF OTHER ALLIES DESIRE TO DO SO. THEREFORE, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO SUGGEST DELETION OF AGENDA ITEM ON SEP BUT NOT TO PRESS ISSUE.

3. IN VIEW OF EMERGING CONSENSUS TO HAVE NPG (INSTEAD OF NDAC) FOR MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF NUCLEAR ISSUES AND IN VIEW OF TIGHT SCHEDULING FOR DECEMBER 10-11, WE FAVOR FOREGOING NDAC MEETING. AVOIDING NDAC ALSO SIDESTEPS ISSUE OF PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION UNTIL THIS

ISSUE CAN BE CLARIFIED. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION SHOULD JOIN FRG AND UK IN OPPOSING NDAC.

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